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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed July 24, 2002, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicant respectfully submits the following Amendment and Response. A Petition and fee for a one-month Extension of Time for Response, up to and including November 25, 2002, are submitted herewith.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 49 and 50 without prejudice. Please amend claims 32, 39, and 47 to read as follows:

32. (Four times Amended) A method of generating light inside a mammalian body, comprising the steps of:

placing at least a distal portion of an interventional device inside a mammalian body, the distal device portion comprising a fluorescent light source, the light source comprising a rigid gas-containing tube;

electrically connecting the fluorescent light source through a proximal end of the interventional device to an energy source; and

causing the light source to generate a fluorescent light inside the body.